

Small Group Discussion Questions

Dorchester County

What is occurring in your community which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- EC Programs are strong
- Businesses and schools partnering up

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Isolation
- Learning as separate entities
- Lack of training and early parent training
- Lack of family adhesiveness
- Can't get parents involved
- Family structures weak
- Not many departments in the SDE know what the other is doing
- Different philosophies coming down the pike with both being expected to be used in the classroom
- Growth (Seat Availability)
- Communicate need for testing

List the 5 most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Get whole community involved
- Recognize successes in church and businesses
- Find key family people and connect
- Give them a stake to offer in child's well being
- Involve businesses to utmost degree
- Make good connections
- Find ways to support families where they need it and when they need it
- Involve kids directly in Big Picture of business-The top students need motivation
- Push hard for groups of students who excel to develop avenues to reach higher
- Limit church times (extended day)
- Bring the community into the schools
- Use seniors to get more involved in discipline and reading
- Neighborhood learning
- After school meetings

List the 5 most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Talk to teachers and get involved
- Learn about the different learning styles (Audio, Manual, Tech., etc.)